

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 23, 2003 is believed to be the first Office Action in this matter. Claims 1-34 are pending. The Office Action restricts further examination to one of five inventions:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn to a method of matching
- II. Claims 12-21, drawn to rules based logic
- III. Claims 22-28, drawn to an input device query
- IV. Claims 29-33, drawn to rule based logic driven by input data
- V. Claim 34, drawn to a memory medium

The Applicant elects Group I claims without traverse.

CONCLUSIONS

The Applicant has addressed the restriction set forth in the Office Action. It is respectively submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.

Kenneth F. Smolik

Kenneth F. Smolik
U.S. Patent Agent
Registration No. 44,344
BANNER & WITCOFF, LTD.
10 South Wacker Drive
Suite 3000
Chicago, Illinois 60606
Telephone: 312-715-5000
Facsimile: 312-715-5001

January 23, 2004